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SERIAL NO.: 10/698,555) ART UNIT: 1797
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FOR: <u>METHOD, SYSTEM AND REACTION VESSEL FOR PROCESSING A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE CONTAINED IN A LIQUID</u>) Atty Docket No. 21686-US

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 5, 2009, Applicants respectfully provide new reasons such as to convince the Examiner that the previously rejected claims are allowable. Consideration and entry of the following remarks is therefore respectfully requested in view of MPEP 706.07(e).

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.